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GRAPHIC SKETCH  
OF  
THE LIFE  
OF  
WILLIAM CRAIG, Sr.

By  
Washington Craig, Sr.

(Greenville (Limestone), Pa.)  
1854





The following letter was written by Washington Craig, Sr. to his brother James Craig, presumably giving a word-of-mouth description of the Genealogy of William Craig, Sr., immigrant. The copy is from the original letter, copied by George W. Craig and given to his daughter Marie L. Craig, February 9, 1921.

"I received from my father's lips the following account, this 18th. day of April, 1854. "In the County of Antrim, my father lived three miles from Ballymoney (or Ballynane - the writing is not distinct). His father's name was James; my mother's name was Margaret Smith, before marriage.

When I left my father's home May 17, 1783, I had two brothers living: Alexander and John, Alexander having served in the Revolutionary War, in the British Army, Quarter-master, and having returned home about the time I left but, I did not know it when I sailed for this country. Katherine having married to a man by the name of Dougherty before I left. My parents all from Scotland. I was born Oct. 17, 1761. Sailed for this country May 17, 1783, in the ship called by name "Ireland Volunteer" and landed in Philadelphia July 28th., 1783. I, some years afterwards, learned that my father and mother were both dead."

The above is precisely as Father gave the matter to me.

We are all in usual health but Quincy (youngest brother of Washington and James), he being in much danger of going blind, having the scrofula in the eyes.

No more at present. (Greenville (Linestone), Pa.) 8 /19/1854.

(Signed by) Washington Craig. 1753369

GRAPHIC SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF WILLIAM CRAIG, SR.

(There is some confusion concerning the exact names of our Scottish ancestry. One account prepared by Marie L. Craig, indicates that William Craig, Sr., the the son of John Craig and Martha Craig, of Scottish ancestry but living in County Antrim, Ireland. They were quite well to do and operated an Irish Linen factory.)

But, the testimony recorded by Washington Craig, Sr., son of William Craig, Sr., states that his father's name was James and his mother was Margaret (Smith) Craig. Having a total of eight (8) children, all born in Scotland:

Katherine, Margaret, Betsy, Nancy, Anna, Alexander (who served on the British side during the Revolutionary War), John, and William, who came to America;

William Craig, their son, born about Oct. 17, 1761, was a favorite of his parents, who were very zealous to educate him for a profession. An older brother had enlisted in the British Army and was sent to America during the Revolution to help put down the Insurgents. At about 20 years of age, William Craig conceived the idea of going to America. The struggle by the Colonists with the mother country, for Independence, had no doubt attracted the attention of many people in the old world, to the new world which Columbus had discovered, and which promised a refuge for all who felt oppressed. No doubt William Craig had heard much and had read many things which attracted him to America.



The sympathies of William Craig went out to these brave people who had driven the British Army from their shores, and would enable them to establish a free and independent Government. His desire to share with these people the prosperity and adversity which was in store for them in future years, grew on him and became so strong that he was willing to brave the opposition of his parents, rend asunder parental ties and engaged passage to Philadelphia without gaining their consent.

On learning of this act, his father persuaded William to the port where he would embark. Pleading with his son to dismiss the idea from his mind and return home again - to vigorously pursue his studies and finish his educational work. All his pleadings would not prevail upon his son. The father was loath to utter disappointment. When the father became convinced of the intense determination of his son, William, to proceed on the voyage he had undertaken, he delivered to his son a sum of money, some good advice and, the father and son experienced their last parting on this earth, the die was cast. The father, with a sad heart, returned to his home. William Craig went aboard the "Irish Volunteer" and landed in Philadelphia in 1782. Upon arrival he learned that his brother, Alexander, who was in the British Army, had embarked for the homeward journey and, unknown to either, had passed each other on the Atlantic ocean.

William Craig knew he had a second cousin, Richards, in Philadelphia or in the vicinity. Just how long after landing it was he met Richards is not known. However, he did learn that Richards had married Mary Ramsey, the daughter of a wealthy and influential Philadelphia family, some ten or fifteen years previous to that date. Ramsey had given Richards and his daughter 100 acres of land in Lancaster County, on which they resided. Richards, seemingly, was of dissolute habits, and lost his home. Mr. Ramsey bestowed upon them another tract of land and aided them in educating the family which numbered seven (7), viz---John, Robert, James, William and Alexander were the boys. Betsy who afterwards married Smith; Martha who married Sudas; and Mary the youngest, born in 1776, who married William Craig, about 1791 or 1792.

We know little about the life and adventures of William Craig between 1782 and 1791-2, nor after this marriage, until the time when the Richards family, the Smiths, Hughes and William Craig, delved into the forests of Pennsylvania, going North-west to Erie County, Pa., where they would take up land among the Indians, who were then the occupants of that locality, clear it and put it under cultivation, and maintain their families on the products of the soil.

We do not know how many children were born in Lancaster County, but Uncle David H. Craig says all the older than he were born either in Lancaster or Erie County.

To the utter astonishment of these brave pioneers, after years of struggle and toil, clearing land and building homes in Erie County, another party claimed a prior title to the land, and as he had means and political influence, threatened them with legislation and harassed them until they became discouraged and left their homes in Erie County. The Richards went to Indiana County; the Smiths and Hughes to Erie City, where they in time became wealthy and influential. William Craig built rafts, loaded all his family and earthly possessions, on French Creek and the Allegheny River, and floated on the bosom of its waters to Freeport, Armstrong County, Pa.



Rufus H. Craig was born at Freeport Jan. 13, 1813 but little is known of the family history until about 1815 when another move was made to Crooked Creek, near Cochran's Mills, where they continued to reside for some years. At this time they had a family of nine (9) children living. John, the eldest, was then about 29 years of age. While their home was not far from the Richards in Indiana County, Pa. John's death occurred on Sept. 9, 1826 while they resided at Crooked Creek.

About this time Alexander wandered out to Clarion County, near Callensburg, where he contemplated erecting a small woolen mill, this being his trade, having learned with the Richards, who owned a woolen mill in Indiana County.

James and Washington were acquiring the skills of millwrighting, as best they could. The country was settling up, mills were needed in every settlement to grind the grain for bread, woolen factories were needed to card the wool and clothe the inhabitants of the forests. It was a rugged and exacting challenge which required foresight and courage.

Reed McClune in his statement says that James and Washington Craig had contracted to build a woolen mill in Indiana County, which was to have a tramp wheel thirty (30) feet in diameter. Notice the power was to be furnished by persons traveling on foot, on the periphery of this great wheel, to produce power required to propel the necessary machinery to do the work. Instead of water, gas-engines, steam or electricity, as in the present day.

It occurred while building this factory the Craigs formed an acquaintance with Reed McClune, who had migrated from Chester Co., in 1821. He was an energetic young man who was then making his home with Mrs. Thompson, the relict (widow) of William Thompson. He cast his lot with James and Washington to learn millwrighting, the result of which was a friendship which was never broken nor interrupted during the balance of their lives, so far as is known.

It was during this time that Washington Craig made the acquaintance of Nancy Thompson, who resided at Alaman's Run, and formed an attachment which ended in their marriage about one year later, on Sept. 16, 1828.

The woolen factory was finished in April 1827. Reed McClune states that he engaged with them to be a millwright and during the winter of 1828-9, I visited William Craig on Crooked Creek. James Craig's wife was there at the time.

He further states: Alexander Craig was then living on the Clarion River, just below Callensburg and we were to build a woolen factory for him in 1828. In the Spring of 1828, William Craig, Jr., loaded James Craig's flitting on a wagon drawn by four (4) horses and a start was made for Clarion County. Evening came on but we continued our journey until twelve at night. We were within one mile of the mouth of Redbank Creek, where we spent the balance of the night. Starting next morning, we arrived at Alexander Craigs, our destination, where we afterwards erected the woolen factory mill during the summer and also built a carding machine for Samuel Kozio McCarty on Sugar Creek, and another for William Richards, to be used near Indiana, Pa.

During the Fall of 1828, after the work at Alexander Craigs was completed, Washington Craig and Reed McClune returned to Crooked Creek to repair a mill for Absolon Woodward, on the stream some miles above William Craigs. We finished and stayed a short time at the home of William Craig.



Arranged as it was, William Craig, Jr., escorted Nancy to the home of William Craig, Sr. A Miss Shoemaker, her brother a Mr. Cathcart were invited. Martha Craig was bridesmaid, and McClune, bridegroom and, on Sept. 16, 1828, the marriage of William Craig and Nancy Thompson was celebrated.

In the Spring of 1829 we returned to Clarion County, built a house at Alexander Craigs and called it home. In the Fall of the winter of 1829-30, James Craig, Washington Craig and Reed McClune erected and started a saw-mill for Porter and Cook on the Clarion River.

R. H. Craig and D. R. Craig arrived in Clarion County in the spring of 1830. James Craig had purchased land on Licking Creek, about one mile below the present town of Sligo, with the intention of erecting a flour mill thereon. He had blazed a trail through the head-ridge, to where the mill now operated by W. A. Craig stands, and directed Reed McClune and D. A. Craig to clear a potato patch opposite the mill seat. Reed McClune states: He took the first lot out of the land. We cleared and planted some potatoes, then cleared space, and Christian Over hauled us some lumber and we erected a board shanty near where the William Craig residence is now located. Washington Craig and his wife occupied it and we lived there while we hewed timber, and R. H. Craig hauled enough to build a house, into which James Craig and his family moved. During the summer and Fall of 1830, James Craig and Reed McClune erected and started a flour mill at the mouth of Licking Creek for Michael Reichart.

Washington Craig, with Isaac Shavel and Samuel Switzer, commenced work for the new mill and built the dam, dug the head and tail race, and about half of the seat for the mill now owned by W. A. Craig. In the spring of 1831 we all combined and joined in the work, cut out the seat, built the stone foundations, took out timber, framed and raised the mill house, built and placed the machinery in it, and started the mill during the winter of 1831-2.

James and Washington Craig and Christian Over being joint partners in the mill. Kisinger was the first miller for one year, when Washington Craig and Jacob Over assumed the place of the miller.

William Craig, Sr., William Craig, Jr., and the family moved to Clarion County in A.D. \_\_\_\_\_, and settled down on a farm adjoining the lands owned by James Craig and Washington Craig.

Mary Craig, wife of William Craig, Sr., departed this life, aged 63 years, 7 months, and 5 days, on February 7, 1841.

Children born to William and Mary (Richards) Craig were:

John H. Craig, b. February 25, 1794; d. September 9, 1826.

Alexander Craig, b. November 26, 1796; d. \_\_\_\_\_

William Craig, Jr., \_\_\_\_\_ 1801; d. June 1, 1804.

James Craig, b. June 11, 1803

Robert H. Craig, b. August 13, 1805

Washington Craig, Sr., b. May 13, 1807; d. Sept. Oct. 26, 1812.

Martha Craig, b. March 18, 1809

David R. Craig, b. August 11, 1811

Babus H. Craig, b. January 7, 1813

Annada Craig, b. September \_\_\_\_\_, 1817

(The parents of William Craig, Jr. remained in the home of \_\_\_\_\_ and Fannie (Lyons) Craig, the remainder of their natural life. William Craig Sr., died on the Thompson Farm July 5, 1834, \_\_\_\_\_ years.





Washington Craig, Sr. came to Clarion County in 1821, and with his brother James Craig, followed the trade of Millwright, aiding in the construction of many of the early mills of that section. After his marriage to Nancy Thompson they moved to Sligo where he owned the "Big Lick Farm" (J.H. Miller Farm), and during that residence he cleared the Sligo Furnace Property. In 1848 he sold his Sligo property and purchased from the Sloans. a 500 acre tract of timber land in Limestone Twp., on which he erected a saw-mill and a three story, 48' by 60', flouring mill and grist mill. In 1867 he erected the Greenville Woolen Mill, with a 24 foot-fall mill-race, in the Big Piney Creek. With his son J. F. and J. H. Craig, he engaged in the milling enterprise in New Bethlehem, known as the W. Craig and Company, which at the death of the father in 1881 was taken over by the son J. H., and conducted by him until his death in 1922.

Washington Craig, Sr., was commissioned Justice of the Peace in Limestone Township, March 18, 1873, which office he faithfully executed, besides maintaining a general store in the community. At his death the grist mill was conducted by his son W. T. Craig, and later by his grandson, A. W. Craig.

They had (11) eleven children:

William Thompson Craig  
John Franklin Craig  
Col. Calvin Augustus Craig  
Washington Craig, Jr.  
Mary Melissa Craig

James Harvey Craig  
Albert Coleman Craig  
Reed McClune Craig  
Nancy Jane Craig, born 11/27,  
1848; died 11/20/1909.  
Robert Richard Craig, b. 1/7/  
1849; d. 3/2/51

Quincy Adams Craig.

#### MARY THOMPSON - FOURTH GENERATION

Fourth child of William and Nancy (Jamieson) Thompson was born            1810, in Indiana County, Pa. Married in Blairsville, Pa., on May 10, 1831, to Alexander McKnight, who was born June 9, 1810 in Indiana Co., Pa., a son of James and Jane (McKutt) McKnight. They moved to Brookville, Pa., in 1832, where he taught school, was Justice of the Peace and county treasurer, was Major in the Pennsylvania Militia. Died June 18, 1837 and was buried in Brookville, Pa.

They had (3) three children: (First marriage)  
Col. Amar Archer McKnight Sr.  
Nancy Jane McKnight  
Dr. William James McKnight

Mrs. McKnight afterwards married John Templeton on Dec. 28, 1842. He was born in 1812 and died in 1850, a son of Walter Templeton. Mrs. (McKnight) Templeton died Feb. 22, 1860.

They had (3) three children: (Second marriage)  
Thomas Lucas Templeton, born Oct. 19, 1843; died March 9, 1907; mustered Aug. Oct. 23, 1861, Company A, 105 Regiment, private secretary to Col. A. A. McKnight; appointed sutler of regiment April 28, 1863; resigned Dec. 17, 1863; married Feb. 4, 1874, to Anna Henderson, born Feb. 4, 1849, daughter of Judge Joseph W. and Nancy Wilson Henderson; died           . No children. Mr. Templeton was a member of the firm "McKnight & Son" until 1892; In 1891 he became cashier of the National Bank of Brookville and served until his death; he was a Presbyterian, a Mason and a Republican.



WASHINGTON CRAIG, Sr. (Fourth Generation)

Sixth son of William and Mary (Richards) Craig, was born in Erie County, Pa., May 13, 1807; m. Sept. 16, 1828, at the Hilli Craig homestead on Crooked Creek, near Coulman's Mills, Adams Twp., Indiana County, Pa., to Nancy Thompson, daughter of William and Arnes (Honey) (Janieson) Thompson; b. August 17, 1793; d. August 25, 1889, Int. Limestone, Clarion County, Pa.. Washington Craig, Sr. died October 26, 1881; Int. beside his wife in an underground vault (Concrete), in the Presbyterian Cemetery in Limestone, also called (Greenville), which cemetery he donated to the church, from his estate, for a free burial ground.

(See rest of Genealogy in the William Craig, Sr. data; also, the Nancy Thompson sketch in this review.)

WILLIAM THOMPSON CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Eldest son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr.; born Nov. 3, 1830, Limestone, Pa., died Aug. 24, 1920, married in the Greenville Baptist Church, June 26, 1855, to Catherine Patton, daughter of Thomas R. and Elizabeth Patton, born Nov. 23, 1836; died April 10, 1817. Both buried in the Greenville Cemetery in plain sight of their home which has been kept intact and unoccupied since their demise, by their son A. W. Craig, who likewise succeeded his father in the lumber and grain business in which he was for so many years engaged.

Children of W. Thompson and Catherine (Patton) Craig:

Charles Patton Craig

Arnes Blanche Craig

Albert Washington Craig

Elizabeth Craig, b. 12/4/1874; d. 11/9/1879.

JOHN FRANKLIN CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Second son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr., was born in Limestone, Pa., May 8, 1832; d. Sept. 26, 1924; graduated from Washington and Jefferson College, 1856; admitted to Penna. Bar Association, 1858; engaged in Woollen manufacturing, New Bethlehem, Pa., with his father and brother in the firm known as J. Craig & Son Co., 1860-1891. From 1895-1910, president of the New Bethlehem Trust Company and the Erie Oil Company. Married by the Rev. James Elder, in the Presbyterian Church, Greenville, July 3, 1859, to Mary Jane Ogden, born Nov. 4, 1844; died Nov. 21, 1931. Mr. and Mrs. Craig are buried in the New Bethlehem Cemetery.

They had eight (8) children:

Myrtle Craig

Edward Everett Craig, b. 1865; d. 1/1/1925, unmarried.

John Franklin Craig, Jr., b. 4/30/1868; d. 10/31/1924, married

James Reed Craig

Jesse Gertrude Craig, b. 1873, d. 1878; Int. in New Beth.

Cassius Clifton Craig, b. 1876; d. 1881; Int. New Beth.

Charles Norman Craig, b. 1880, d. 1911, Int. New Beth.

Michael Rush Craig, b. 1884, d. 1932, 4/24/1932, Int. New Beth.

resides at 10th and Myne St., Erie, Pa.



COL. SALVEN AUGUSTUS CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Third son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr. was born Dec. 7, 1833. Enlisted as captain, Sept. 1861, Company D., 105th Reg., Penna. Volunteers infantry. He participated with his regiment in the "Seven Days' Battles" before Richmond, June 1862, and received head wound; in Fair Oaks; Charles City Crossroads; Malvern Hill, where the regiment lost half its men; at the second battle of Bull Run, where the brave captain had his horse shot from under him and received a wound in the neck; at Petersburg, received a shell wound in his shoulder; Fredericksburg; Chancellorville, where Col. Asar A. T. Knight died and was succeeded by Lieut. Col. Craig, May 21, 1863 (these two Commanding Officers were full cousins), at Gettysburg, July 1-3, 1863; Battle of the Wilderness, May 5 and 6th, 1864, where he was severely wounded in the face, bleeding for 30 hours from a severed artery. He returned to his post June 22, and was mortally wounded, August 16, at Deep Bottom, Va., while commanding the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division of 2nd Corps. His body was interred in the Greenville Cemetery. Col. Craig had married Feb. 1, 1864, while home on leave, to Elmina Jane Craig.

WASHINGTON CRAIG, JR., (Fifth Generation)

Son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr. was born Feb. 16, 1876, in Erie County, Pa., d. Feb. 1888, to Elmina Anne Young, b. at Frogtown, Clarion County, Pa., July 13, 1838; d. July 5, 1912, at Callensburg, Pa., rests beside her husband in the Callensburg Presbyterian Cemetery. Washington Craig, Jr. d. Feb. 1, 1888, at Callensburg, Pa.

Washington Craig, Jr., in 1863 became proprietor of the Callensburg Flour and Grist-Mill, and bought a 96 acre farm in Licking Twp. He was joint owner with his brother, J.H. Craig, of the mill which came to be known as the J. H. Craig & Brother, and a 22 acre plot of land in Licking Township. He made his home in the mill house until his death, when his widow moved into a small house in the town of Callensburg, where she passed away 24 years later.

They had eight (8) children, one child died in infancy:

Melissa Jennie Craig  
Alvin Ernest Craig  
Elvira Alice Craig  
Horace Augustus Craig

Elmina Lee Craig  
Anna Lee Craig  
Ida Mary Craig  
Another child died in infancy.

MARY MELISSA CRAIG

Daughter of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr., was born Oct. 18, 1879, at Erie, Pa., d. Jan. 1948, at Lewisburg, Pa., and is buried there. Married June 27, 1897 to Jared Todd, born Sept. 18, 1839 in Sterlingshire, Scotland; died 1889, in New Bethlehem, Pa., where he was buried.



JAMES HARVEY CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr., was born Oct. 20, 1841, Sligo, Pa.; died June 20, 1922, New Bethlehem, Pa. J. Harvey Craig enlisted Oct. 21, 1861, as drummer boy, 1st Co. C., Regiment, Penna. Volunteers Infantry under Capt. C. B. Craig, his brother. He served until Sept. 24, 1864, as 1st Sergeant. On Aug. 20, 1864 he was promoted to principal assistant in charge. Upon the death of his brother, Col. Calvin Augustus Craig, he received a ten day furlough to bring the body to Greenville, Pa., Clarion County, for interment. He Aug. 30, 1866 to 1867, at Patton Parsons of Lowellville, Ohio., born March 23, 1842; d. 1890, 10, 1915; Int. beside her husband in the New Bethlehem cemetery.

They had four (4) children:

Margaret Tuella Craig

Perepa Rosa Craig

Lulu Maude Craig

Amy May Craig.

ALBERT COLUMB CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr., was born May 23, 1843, Sligo, Pa.; died Aug. 8, 1884; buried Limestone Cemetery, Pa., m. June 4, 1873 to Agnes Jane Lawson, born April 23, 1849, died April 14, 1927; buried Limestone, Pa. (Daughter of James B. Lawson, born Feb. 4, 1808; died April 7, 1896; m. married March 1, Oct. 28, to Lavina Orr; born Dec. 1, 1805; died Dec. 15, 1885. They had five (5) children.

Stanley Washington Craig

Albert Augustus Craig

James Percy Craig

Greer Lawson Craig

Infant Craig, born in Corvick, Jefferson Co., Pa., October 12, 1852; died November 1, 1852,

ROED MCCLINE CRAIG, (Fifth Generation)

Son of Washington and Nancy (Thompson) Craig, Sr., was born Jan. 31, 1845; Sligo, Pa.; died Aug. 3,

(Remainder of data on Roed McCline Craig; Nancy Jane Craig; Robert Richard Craig, and Quincy Adams Craig missing)

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ELIZA CRAIG, (Sixth Generation) (ELIZABETH J. WIL CRAIG)

Daughter of Washington and Eliza Ann (Young) Craig, Sr., was born Jan. 13, 1859, in Limestone Twp., Pa.; died April 1, 1892; buried in Limestone Presbyterian Cemetery; m. in 1878 to James Alvin Craig, born Dec. 31, 1850; died Feb. 1, 1941. Infant "Edith" was born and died April 11, 1892; m. buried in her mother's grave. Mr. Craig remarried later, Miss William Putzer, of Sligo, Pa.









ANNA LEE CRAIG,

(Sixth Generation)

Daughter of Washington and Ellen Anne (Young) Craig, Jr., was born July 22, 1867, at Limestone, died Feb. 4, 1937, at Rinersburg, Pa., n. January 25, 1888, by the Rev. J. W. Wilson; to Bortley B. Stewart, b. Nov. 12, 1862, near Shingo; died Feb. 9, 1934, at Rinersburg. Residence: Rinersburg, Pa.

They had three (3) children:

Eleanor Mae Stewart

Hester Mae Stewart

Margaret Craig Stewart

IDA MARY CRAIG,

(Sixth Generation)

Daughter of Washington and Ellen Anne (Young) Craig, Jr., was born May 12, 1874, Cullensburg, Pa.; died August 3, 1934, Erie, Pa., and buried in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Erie, Pa.; n. April 5, 1894; to Robert Ross Stuart, born in Marion County, about one mile from the Cherry Run L.P. Branch, where his father helped to organize the mill; b. Aug. 31, 1861, son of John and Belinda McKee Stuart.

The newly married couple set up house-keeping on the John Elliot hill-top farm, which they later purchased, and which he belongs to Rev. and Mrs. John Alvin Stuart, D.D., (1895 to 1934). Four of their five children were born on the farm in Ohio & Pa. Then, they moved to Rinersburg, where Robert Ross Stuart became the supervising principal in Sept. 1905. This move was followed by a number of abrupt changes, including: Thompson, Ohio; Akron, Ohio; Oak Hill, N. Va.; Hickland, Pa., (some 4 years, Hickland, Pa., Harbor Creek, Erie County, Pa. and finally into Erie, Pa., 151 East 6th., St., where the family resided here and where Ida Mary Craig Stuart died on Aug. 3, 1934.

Ida Mary Craig Stuart was a gentle person, well read in good books, a diligent housekeeper, expert seamstress and an ardent worker in the Central Presbyterian Church, Erie; and was quite active in her precinct as a politician, serving some years as Poll watcher and Judge of Elections. She delighted in the ride to Six-mile Creek cabin east of Erie, on Lake Erie, and the family travelled widely, enjoyed the scenery, profited by this extensive geographical knowledge. Finally, she became victim of the Great Fl., a disease which was prevalent in those years, particularly among millers (the Craig family was of the 18th & 19th Stone masons (the Stuart family)).

Robert Ross and Ida Mary (Craig) Stuart had five (5) children:

Ida Belle Stuart, b. June 18, 1895

Florence Alice Stuart, b. August 14, 1898

John Alvin Stuart, D.D., b. December 21, 1900

Mildred Grace Stuart, b. April 10, 1904

Sean Craig Stuart, b. November 21, 1913















